

## **Mayor's African American Advisory Board Health and Public Safety Committee – Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Location:** Mary L. Singleton Senior Center, 150 East 1st Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

### **12:00 PM – 12:15 PM: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Latrina Dowdell
- **Overview of the Advisory Boards purpose**

**Mayor Donna Deegan established the African American Advisory Board in February 2024 to serve as a liaison between the African American community and city leadership.**

**The board's primary objectives include: Advocacy, Policy Guidance, and Community Engagement.**

### **12:15 PM – 12:40 PM: Old Business – Public Safety and Environmental Quality Updates**

**Speaker:** Sergeant Asbold, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)

- Update on concerns regarding illegal activity near the Amoco gas station on Cleveland Road.
- Report on the reduction in homicides in the African American community from 2023–2024.

**Thank you. I'll run the copies****Speaker:** Representative from Environmental Quality Division

- Response to community concerns about the bad smell near the factory on Crestwood Avenue.
- Discussion on the need for air quality testing in the Norwood area before the new morgue becomes operational.

### **12:40 PM – 1:10 PM: Health and Maternal & Child Mortality Discussion**

**Speaker:** Lynn Sherman

- Strategies to improve healthcare access and preventive measures.
- Examining disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes.
- Community programs and resources to support African American health and well-being.

### **1:10 PM – 1:30 PM: Public Safety Discussion**

**Speaker:** Sergeant Asbold, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)

- Continued discussion on community safety initiatives and law enforcement efforts.
- Strategies for strengthening community-law enforcement partnerships to enhance safety.

### **1:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Q&A Session**

- Open discussion for community members to ask questions and provide feedback.

### **1:45 PM – 2:00 PM: Closing Remarks**

- Summary of key discussions and next steps for the committee.
- Latrina Dowdell